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SUBJECT: DENT VISIT: AGENDA AND ARRIVAL STATEMENT

REF: A. SEOUL 4203 B. STATE 134013

1. AGREE TO DELETE TOPIC ON ACCOUNTING FIRMS IN VIEW OF
LACK OF RECENT COMPLAINTS.

2. WILL CABLE MCI REACTION REVISED AGENDA JULY 11.
BRIEF INFORMATION ON TWO KOREAN TOPICS REFERRED TO IN
PARA THREE REF (B) FOLLOWS.

3. AGENDA ITEM I-C - KOREA-U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL (KOREAN
TOPIC). KOREAN SIDE IS EXPECTED TO POINT WITH PRIDE TO
EMERGENCE OF NEW ORGANIZATION STIMULATED BY DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO COMMERCIAL
DEVELOPMENT. IN RESPONSE COMMERCE SHOULD SAY WE REALIZE
KOREA-U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL STILL IN ORGANIZATIONAL
PHASE, BUT STEPS TAKEN SO FAR, INCLUDING STRONG CHAIRMEN
ON BOTH SIDES, APPEAR TO FORECAST USEFUL ORGANIZATION
WHICH WILL BRING U.S. AND KOREAN BUSINESS COMMUNITIES
IN CLOSER ALIGNMENT. WE ARE PLEASED AT VERY

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ENTHUSIASTIC KOREAN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESPONSE TO FIRST

MEETING OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IN SEOUL, JUNE 24,
AND CONSIDER THAT THE NINETY-TWO EXECUTIVES COMPRISING
THE KOREAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REPRESENT THE TOP
LEADERS OF KOREA'S PRIVATE ECONOMY. WE CONGRATULATE
DPM TAE ON HIS INITIATIVE IN SEEKING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE COUNCIL. ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL IS PRIMARILY TO
FUNCTION AS A SYSTEMATIC CHANNEL FOR PRIVATE COOPERATION,
IT DESERVES THE CLOSE AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF BOTH
GOVERNMENTS.

4. AGENDA ITEM IV-A - REGULAR WORKING LEVEL TRADE TALKS
(KOREAN TOPIC). WE ASKED MCI FOR FURTHER DEFINITION OF
THIS ITEM. MCI OFFICIALS SAID THEY DID NOT MEAN
"WORKING LEVEL" IN THE SENSE OF THE NORMAL CONTACTS
BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND MCI. THEY BELIEVED IT WOULD BE
USEFUL, IN ADDITION TO MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETINGS, TO
HAVE TRADE TALKS AT SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL ONCE A YEAR.
IN EFFECT, THIS WOULD MEAN TWO POLICY LEVEL MEETINGS
A YEAR. THIS IS SIMILAR TO PATTERN ESTABLISHED WITH
JAPANESE. SUGGESTION BEING MADE AGAINST BACKGROUND
OF KOREAN BELIEF THAT U.S.-KOREAN TRADE REACHING
VOLUME AND COMPLEXITY WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY THIS MEETING
FREQUENCY. IN RESPONSE COMMERCE COULD SAY THAT WE WOULD
STUDY THE KOREAN SUGGESTION, BUT WE WOULD WANT TO REMAIN
FLEXIBLE ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE WE WOULD WANT SOME
FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THERE WERE SUFFICIENT ISSUES OF
SUBSTANCE, WHICH NOT BE RESOLVED THROUGH NORMAL
DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE, AND WHICH WOULD MAKE IT WORTHWHILE TO
INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF POLICY LEVEL MEETINGS.

5. ARRIVAL STATEMENT: REQUEST COMMERCE CONCURRENCE
ON STATEMENT CONTAINED SEOUL 4203. AGREE DELETE
"INTER" FROM INTERMINISTERIAL AND SUBSTITUTE "GENUINE"
FOR "EAGER".

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